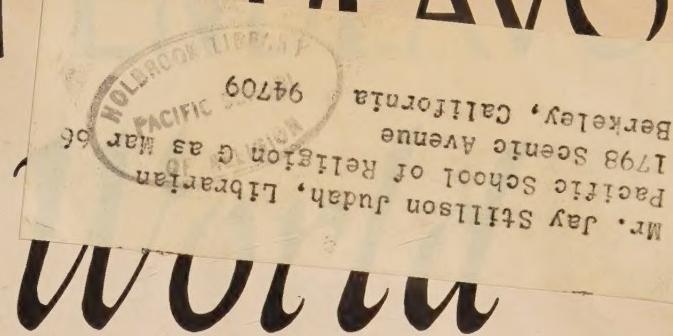


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# DALLAS 1965

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff



They came from everywhere. Dallas, Texas, was the capital of Christian Endeavor for a week in early July. No International Convention in twenty years was quite so international in flavor as was Dallas 1965. The Statler Hilton Hotel echoed, and sometimes shook, from the impact of hundreds of young people who assembled to take up the theme "Jesus Christ—the Way." There were eager, enthusiastic youth from the United States, Canada, and Mexico, with visitors from Guatemala and Korea. All of it made for a great Christian witness to Dallas and beyond.

They came by every means... cars, individually and in caravans; bus after

chartered bus; by train from scores of points; by jet and other chartered plane service. They camped all the way across the continent. But they were there in Dallas determined to take a stand for Christ and the Church under the banner of Christian Endeavor.

They came expecting to have fun and they had fun and lots of it. They came for instruction and they received it under the guidance of a score of the best in the field of Christian education. A variety of conferences and workshops formed the "school" of the convention. They came for inspiration and were they ever inspired! They were inspired by some of the great voices of Protestantism. They sought strength in the Quiet Hours and

Bible Study—and they were strengthened. They gathered in the bond of Jesus Christ around His Table in a united youth communion service.

The 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention will leave an indelible mark on the life of the movement and will long influence the lives of many. The personal decisions made there, and there were many, will reflect back home in countless homes, communities, and churches. Conceived in prayer, nurtured in prayer, and carried on in an atmosphere of prayer, the convention was in itself an answer to prayer.

God was there in Dallas. And God was good. And we praise Him for it.

## August Activities

**2-7—Pennsylvania Summer Assembly, Grove City**  
Contact: Gordon McMordie, 33 Bridle Path Lane, Feasterville 19048

**7-14—New York State Junior-Junior High Summer Assembly, Cresco, Pennsylvania**

**14-21—New York State Summer Assembly, Canandaigua**  
Contact: Elizabeth Masarech, 17 Beekman Avenue, North Tarrytown 10593

**8-13—Alabama Camp, Oak Mountain State Park**

**13-15—Alabama Adult Retreat, Oak Mountain State Park**  
Contact: E. L. Fitzsimmons, 1417 Gulfport Street, Wylam, Birmingham 35224

**9-14—Virginia Convention, Bridgewater**

Contact: Joann Campbell, Route #5, Box 67, Roanoke 24014

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## COVER CLUES

The Eleventh International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation was presented by Dr. Daniel A. Poling to Roy Rogers and his wife Dale at the Dallas Convention July 9. Mrs. Rogers gave a moving testimony in response to the presentation.

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# Arch J. McQuilkin Re-elected President AT DALLAS

*Convention Keynote Message*

*Emphasizes 1965-67 Biennial Theme - -*

*"JESUS CHRIST - - THE WAY"*

**A**RCH J. MCQUILKIN was re-elected president of the International Society during the 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Dallas, Texas, July 6-10.

Mr. McQuilkin was installed for his second term of office at the Thursday evening session by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and immediate past president of the International Society.

In his keynote message on opening night Mr. McQuilkin lifted up the new biennial theme of the movement, "Jesus Christ—the Way." More than two thousand delegates—young men and women from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Guatemala—participated in the convention sessions.

"Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the way to joy, peace, and happiness," Mr. McQuilkin told delegates. "From the beginning of time people have been searching for and seeking a way which will lead to peace of mind and heart, commitment, happiness, and understanding of life. Few have found or discovered that way."

"Perhaps as in no other generation young people—teen-agers—are now engaged in this searching and seeking," continued Mr. McQuilkin. "They are trying and investigating many and various ways—many of them difficult to fathom and understand. The result of their

searching is disappointment and disillusionment."

Mr. McQuilkin concluded with this personal challenge: "God, who created you, and who has a plan and a purpose for your life, is and has the only answer to the question, 'Where and how do I find happiness and eternal life?' With all my heart I urge you to try God's way. I did, and it works."

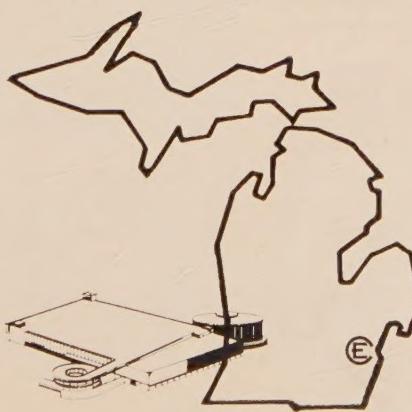
Besides Mr. McQuilkin, other officers installed at Dallas are associate president Ralph E. Robrahn (Michigan); vice-presidents Frances M. Becker (Pennsylvania), Dr. James W. Eichelberger (Illinois), Dr. Daniel K. Poling (New York), Herbert E. Quandt (California), Clyde Sherk (Ontario), and Merritt L. Smith (District of Columbia); general secretary, treasurer, and clerk, Harold

E. Westerhoff; administrative secretary and editor, Phyllis I. Rike; educational secretary and citizenship director, Rev. Christian A. Tirre; and auditor, William J. von Minden.

Vice-presidents in charge of regions include: *New England*, Lawrence R. Deal (Massachusetts); *Middle Atlantic*, Lavern Billig (Pennsylvania); *Southern*, Mrs. Grady Self (Alabama); *Great Lakes*, Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr. (Ohio); *Central*, Gene Fink (Missouri); *Rocky Mountain*, W. Bruce McLeran (Colorado); *Southwestern*, Charles C. Meek (Texas); *Pacific*, Mrs. Etta V. Berger (Oregon); *Dominion of Canada*, Mary Campbell (Ontario); *Republic of Mexico*, Dr. Hector Alvarez G. (Michoacan).

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**Detroit—July 3-7, 1967**



In 1967 it's Detroit, Michigan, for the 49th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Headquarters hotel and site for all daytime activities will be the Statler Hilton. Economical "package plan" rates will cover hotel and meal costs. A special feature one evening will be an international "floating" session; other evening sessions will be held at fabulous Cobo Hall.

**Make a date for Detroit in 1967!**

**A complete report of the Dallas Convention, with many photos, will appear in the September issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.**



AN ORCHID LEI from his wife (LEFT PHOTO) completes the awarding of the doctor's degree; their daughter, Mrs. Georgia Kay, is at left. Bishop and Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows entertained for the Safferys after the ceremony (RIGHT PHOTO). Around the punch bowl are (from left) Dr. and Mrs. Saffery, Bishop Meadows, Mrs. Kay, Harold E. Westerhoff and Mrs. Meadows.

## Hawaiian Leader Honored

On June 6 the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Samuel M. Saffery, Sr., of Honolulu, Hawaii, by Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana.

This was a crowning honor to one who has served his church and Christian Endeavor faithfully for many years. Dr. Saffery has been pastor of the Waialua Protestant Church (also known as the Liliuokalani Church) of Haleiwa since 1940. He was ordained in 1941 but did not have any theological or seminary training.

When he retired in 1958 from the Honolulu Post Office as superintendent of outgoing mails after 47 years of service, Dr. Saffery returned to school. He attended Bangor (Maine) Theological Seminary for one year and then completed work at Jackson College,

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POSING ON COMMENCEMENT DAY are Dr. and Mrs. Saffery, Dr. George K. Schweitzer of Tennessee, Arch J. McQuilkin, and Bishop Meadows. Dr. Schweitzer, nuclear chemist, spoke at the Chicago and Washington International Conventions and was the commencement speaker.

## Work Now to Win in 1966

Individuals and societies are urged to plan and carry out citizenship projects now, so they will be eligible for the Albert H. Diebold Awards in the 1966 Citizenship Awards Program.

Awards totaling more than \$1,000 in cash, award plaques, and certificates are offered to individual youth and to Christian Endeavor societies in this 15th annual citizenship competition.

Individuals may enter a significant article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photo, or cartoon; societies enter a completed Christian citizenship activity.

All entries must clearly show a witness for Christian citizenship in the community. Entries must be mailed by February 15, with winners to be announced April 25.

A new feature of the 1966 Awards Program is local award presentations, to be arranged cooperatively with Christian Endeavor and/or local church leaders.

For full details write to Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director, at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.



THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY

## Christian Endeavor Week

January 30 - February 6, 1966

### Theme: "Jesus Christ—the Way"

Now is the time to begin planning for a special celebration of Christian Endeavor's 85th birthday. Available from the International Society is the 1966 Christian Endeavor Week Packet, just off the press. It includes a comprehensive planbook, a program for radio or television, plans for a Hitchhikers Holiday Party, and many other items for the birthday observance. Cost is just 50c.

Order your packet now from 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Be prepared to enjoy an outstanding Christian Endeavor Week celebration next year.

# C NEWS AND VIEWS



**LEADING THE BUCKEYE STATE** for the coming year will be President Norman E. Brown of Cleveland (left) and Rev. Charles F. Russell, who begins work as general secretary of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union later this summer. Mr. Russell has served as minister of Miles Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland, for the past five years.

- A TOTAL OF 288,000,000 advertising impressions, with space value estimated at \$40,000, is the report on Christian Endeavor's 1964 Outdoor Poster Program. What an opportunity this program gives to challenge millions as they pass by on the streets and highways. What will be the results of the 1966 Program? The answer is up to local Endeavorers—check with union officers to see how you can participate in this unique ministry or write to Phyllis I. Rike, Outdoor Poster Program director, at Christian Endeavor Headquarters.

- THE BELLE OF LOUISVILLE as it cruised up the Ohio River June 19 was the scene of a meeting of former city, district and state officers from Kentucky. The event was planned by Elizabeth and Earle Glenn and three other couples. A picnic in July for this group provided additional fellowship.

- A BRAND NEW CATALOG of Christian Endeavor Literature and Supplies was distributed during the Dallas Convention. With the repeal of the Federal Excise Tax on jewelry effective June 22, a new schedule of reduced prices on all jewelry items has also been issued. Catalogs are available without charge from Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

- WINONA LAKE will again be the scene of the Great Lakes Regional Conference. Sessions are scheduled at the Winona Hotel at Winona Lake, Indiana, October 9 and 10. Theme will be "Take Christ, Live Christ, Give Christ." Registrar is Margaret Nykamp of Michigan. Rev. Christian A. Tirre will be the International Society Staff representative. Total cost per delegate is \$12.50. All Endeavorers in the Great Lakes Region are urged to participate.



**VISITORS FROM THE PACIFIC AREA** have been numerous at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in recent months. TOP LEFT — From Hawaii came (left to right) Mrs. William Donlin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Frost, Joseph DeMatta, Wanda Tai, and Mrs. DeMatta, shown here behind Dr. Clark's original desk. BOTTOM LEFT—Later Mr. Donlin also visited "1221"; here he chats with Rev. Christian A. Tirre (left) and Harold E. Westerhoff (center), also in the Jones Room. From even farther away (BELOW) came Rev. H. N. Chen (left) of the Taiwan Presbyterian Church and Rev. Wan Suk Hahn (second from right) of the Presbyterian Church in Korea. They posed in front of Headquarters with Mr. Tirre, Mr. Westerhoff, and Phyllis I. Rike. Mr. Hahn participated in the World's Convention in Frankfurt in 1958 and the International Convention in Dallas this July.



# Ready - for - YOUTH RESOURCES

## Off to a Good Start!

By  
Mary Moffitt

Late summer or early fall is the most popular time for "starting again" in Christian Endeavor societies. Fall, with the beginning of a new school term, calls for renewed efforts in youth work. It is human nature to tend to slow up in one's efforts or become less enthusiastic in undertakings as time passes. The beginning must be a strong, zealous, consecrated one to bring results throughout the months ahead. Here are some suggestions to help your society get off to a good start:

### R-eaffirm the Purpose

In every area of life basic principles and purposes must be kept uppermost in the participant's mind. It is very easy to get off course and to spend time and energy on non-essentials. A constant vigilance must be kept to assure fidelity to one's purpose or mission in life. So, before you start, stop and consider the principles and purposes of Christian Endeavor. The four-fold purpose of a Christian Endeavor society is:

- \* Leading young people to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord;
- \* Bringing them into the life of the church;
- \* Sustaining and training them for the service of Christ and His cause;
- \* Releasing them through all channels of human activity in the service of God and man.

A society's program and activities should be governed by adherence to these purposes, which in summary say reach, teach, train, and use.

The plan of a Christian Endeavor society is unique among the Church's organizations for youth, although many are quite similar. Christian Endeavor is an expressional, "learn-by-doing," youth-planned, youth-conducted program. Adult counselors have a "behind-the-scenes" function. While all Christian Endeavor material is Bible-based, the devotional meeting's purpose is more than a Bible study; it is a demonstration in Christian leadership development. These features must be continued.

Throughout a society's program and in all activities the basic principles of *Confession of Christ, Service for Christ, Loyalty to Christ's Church and Fellowship with Christ's People* need to be upheld. In every effort the motto "For Christ and the Church" should ring out.

At the heart of the Christian Endeavor movement is the pledge. This challenge to a definite, personal commitment is the main factor which distinguishes Christian Endeavor from just another youth program. Its importance is necessary in any review of Christian Endeavor's purpose.

### E-valuatethe Past

An honest examination of a society's past program will reveal some events and activities which held true to the purpose and principles of Christian Endeavor and others which fell far short of its high ideals. Such a review should enable a society to note any imbalance in programming the successes and failures, the interests and needs.

It is good to have some traditional activities; this allows a society to establish a definite pattern in some areas. However, even traditional events should be evaluated periodically to determine if such continue to accomplish the purpose for which originally established. On the other hand, scheduling an activity which merely breaks tradition of a tried and true activity for the

sake of being different is not reasonable action.

### A-scertain an Inventory

Businesses periodically take an inventory or make a list of what they have. A Christian Endeavor society would do well to take stock of what it has in the way of numerical, spiritual, organizational, and physical assets. Where is your society now?

Numerically—Has there been a gain or loss in numbers? What is the participation record of the members? What is the potential for the society within the framework of the local church? The Community?

Spiritually—Is the program Christ-centered and soul-conscious? Do the weekly topic presentations truly give food for the spirit? What is the "spiritual climate" of the society in arriving at decisions, making plans, carrying out programs, selecting officers? Have the youth grown in Christian grace and leadership?

Organizationally—Does the society have a constitution and is it abiding by it? Are the basic five committees (Devotional, Lookout, Missionary, Church Activity, and Social) functioning? Are regular business meetings and committee meetings held?

Physically—What materials and supplies belong to the society? Are these in good condition; are they in the proper hands? Are copies of the constitution available to all members? Does the society provide booklets for officers which include specific duties of the office and concrete helps to carry out these duties? Is there a Christian Endeavor wall pledge in the meeting room? What about the hymns? Is there a supply of individual, wallet-size, pledge cards?

### Determine to Advance

No matter how successful the past year was, it could have been more fruitful. Decide on points that need improvement, attitudes that need to be changed, goals that need to be set, achievements that should be reached.

One of the best ways to insure your society's advancement is to conduct a planning conference. Some societies hold annual planning meetings, while others schedule semi-annual or quarterly planning sessions. Numerous helpful materials to assist a society in planning and executing its total program are available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. The most valuable of these helps for use in a planning conference is *Guide for Action* available in both Junior High and Senior-Young People's editions at 25c per copy. All officers and each committee chairman need to have a copy. *Guide for Action* lists the entire year's (September through August) topic treatments which will be published in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, as well as activity suggestions for the five major committees plus the executive committee. It is a must for every Christian Endeavor society.

### Y-et to Perform

After reaffirming your purpose, ascertaining your inventory, determining to advance, your society is merely ready to begin. The question of performance remains unanswered. It takes purpose, consecration, plans, enthusiasm and follow-through to be an effective, fruitful society. The greatest hindrance to the Lord's work is lack of perseverance (follow-through)! We are admonished numerous times in the Bible to remain faithful. The motto of many Christians is "keep on keeping on."

# Topics

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

## For the Leader

To present the topic, the leader should plan to play the role of a travel agent. In the meeting room place a counter or desk for the leader to use. For publicity make travel posters with information about the various roads that can be traveled by Christian young people. These travel posters should be hung on the walls of the meeting room on the night of the meeting to make it appear to be more like the travel agency. Hand out tickets in the church school inviting youth to attend the meeting and to all of the Christian Endeavor members. This meeting is designed to discuss the meaning of success. The topic will point out guideposts that help to direct the traveler on the road to success. Plan to close the meeting with a consecration service.

As the members enter have a person meet them at the door and seat them in the room. Give them some brochures to study while waiting for the meeting to start.

## Leader's Talk

I represent the well known travel agency, *Faith and Work Unlimited*. Our company has been in business for almost 2,000 years. We base all practices on the principles set up by the founder, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus set up the company to assist the people in their struggle to know God and to be in His Presence throughout eternity.

All of you, by your presence here, have indicated a desire to take a trip down the "Road to Success." The "Road to Success" will be considered tonight. Most of you will have some assistance for the trip because you know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

Before we look at some of the roads that we will travel I would like to know what you think of success.

**FIRST SPEAKER:** (One of the people attending the travel meeting.) Success may mean reaching a desired goal or for others, success means wealth or riches. I believe that a Christian must

consider the will of God instead of aiming for material gain such as money. Success is completing the job on time. Success is happiness. Success is doing your best at all times. Success is setting a goal of what you can expect of yourself and then realizing that goal. Success is not measured by comparing yourself with others but by checking how you rate on your personal scale. The Bible tells of a man who thought that he was successful. (Read Luke 12:16-21.) He was a farmer and his fields produced huge crops. His barns were too small to hold the huge yield. He decided to build larger barns and he felt successful with all his wealth. He died without knowing God. He was a failure in the most important area of his life.

**LEADER (TRAVEL AGENT):** Yes, we want to think of success in spiritual terms. Jesus Christ had no earthly wealth. He had no place to lay His head. He was killed by His enemies, yet He changed the whole world.

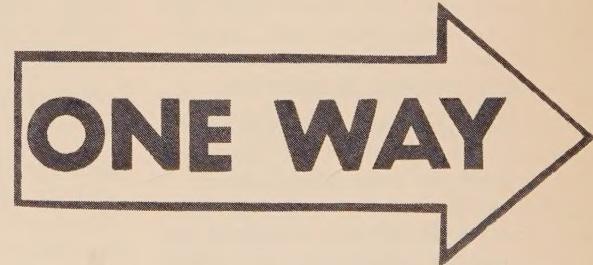
Since we are beginning a new school year, let us consider the special route to travel for school success. Miss Study Skills will tell us about the lookout points for this trip to school success.

Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Higher Education

## The Road to Success

(Labor Sunday)

II Timothy 2:15-21



## Counselor's Notes

The leader will need some suggestions regarding the presentation of this topic. A visit to a travel agency might be helpful in planning the setting for the meeting. Be sure that the topic emphasizes success as seeking God's will for life and not just attaining social or economic status. A summary of the meaning of Labor Day might be worked into the meeting. Suggest that the youth reconsider the Ten Commandments. Point out that the second Commandment emphasizes work, "Six days shalt thou labor . . ." Usually, the remembrance of the sabbath day is considered and the admonition to work is ignored.

### Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service  
Call to Worship: Proverbs 2:6  
Hymn of Challenge: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Scripture: II Timothy 2:15-21  
Hymn Prayer: *Lead on, O King Eternal*  
Sentence Prayers  
Topic Presentation  
Hymn of Dedication: *Only Believe*  
Consecration Service  
Closing Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer in Unison

**MISS STUDY SKILLS:** The Christian student does not expect to take the easy way out. Daily preparation of assignment and a study plan are important in the organization of learning. Wanting to learn is the first pointer for school success.

Taking notes during study time and in class will help the student to remember the facts longer. Read a good how-to-study guide to check your study habits.

Do not be satisfied with a poor performance. Expect to do your best. God has given each of us some skills. He expects us to develop our abilities.

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LEADER: The journey to success has many rough spots as well as some enjoyable sights. Many of you have come tonight with questions concerning the trip. I shall be happy to discuss your fears and ideas. Who has a question?

ONE TRAVELER: Would you tell us what is expected of each person in order to have a successful trip? What preparations should we make?

TOUR AGENT: We have collected the ideas and suggestions of many customers who have enjoyed their trip to success. To prepare, you must first know where you are going. Seldom does anyone enjoy a trip unless he is familiar with the destination. To know and understand success you must first set some goals. The Christian traveler has distinctive goals which help in selecting all others. Your primary mission is to tell of the love of God which is shown to you through His Son, Jesus Christ. As you seek God's will this purpose becomes uppermost in your plans. There are some guideposts that will help you to set up your goals. Take a look at the equipment which God has given to you. You have certain abilities that need to be developed. These special abilities are a guidepost to help you to be successful. Consider your interests. Doing a task that has no interest for you will lead to disaster. Of course, every job will have disadvantages and the distasteful tasks must be done as well as the more interesting assignments.

The third guidepost to success is recognizing the opportunities that arise. Being ready to take advantage of a scholarship from the church may open new areas of life for you. In school you will be making choices that will decide your future education, future companions, future vocation, and in short your future. When given a choice do not let the ease of the subject be the main reason for taking the subject. Do not say no to math, science, language art, or home economics because you do not like them. Talk with the school counselor about your capabilities and plans. Find out what the college, business school, technical school, or apprenticeship program requires for entrance. Do not wait until the twelfth grade to discover that you should have taken algebra and two years of a foreign language.

Prepare to the best of your ability for any task that may arise and as you wait for the will of God to be worked out in your vocational choice.

### Discussion Points

1. What kind of success should the Christian seek?
2. What is failure?
3. Name other crossroads that you may face on the road to success.
4. How does success at school change a person?

A TRAVELER: What books do you suggest that we read? We want to know as much as possible.

TOUR AGENT: The basic study guide is the Holy Bible. In the first four gospels of the New Testament you have a thorough record of the master traveler, Jesus Christ. To increase your understanding of the Bible, use other devotional books.

A TRAVELER: What should we take with us?

TOUR AGENT: A good traveler will not take too much baggage. As you travel towards success do not collect habits that cannot be discarded. The best advise is given in Matthew 6:19-21. Please open your travel guide (the Bible) and read the section with me. As for your wearing apparel put on the whole armor of God. You will need a garment of truth and a breastplate of righteousness. Your shoes will carry the message of the Gospel of peace. Do not forget the shield of faith. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Bible. (Read Ephesians 6:11-17.)

A TRAVELER: How long will the trip last?

TOUR AGENT: Plan to spend the whole of your life in the pursuit of success. There will be a number of side trips for you to select and surprises will keep you from reaching the end of the journey early.

Some of the side trips are interesting, but when you travel on your own it is easy to take the wrong road. We have a world-famous traveler who will discuss the various crossroads enroute to success. May I introduce to you my friend and travel expert, Christian.

CHRISTIAN: The first major decision is who will be your guide as you travel. We do not advise that you make the trip alone. There are too many pitfalls for capturing the inexperienced.

In choosing your guide, I would like to recommend my personal guide, Jesus Christ. He gives me strength to continue with patience. You can choose Christ, too. He is willing to serve as your guide if you are willing to follow His direction.

When you choose Christ as your guide, you are faced with a second cross-road. What is God's will for your life? As you stand looking at the two roads, you will see a smooth and easy path and a rough, rocky uphill route. You will be tempted to follow the crowd down the easy road of lying to yourself, stealing from your true purpose, and cheating all about you by thinking only of your selfish aims and desires. To choose Christ will mean that you climb uphill towards perfect love and thereby lose yourself for the sake of Christ and gain eternity.

As you continue your journey, you will come to the road of self-pity. There is no room on the "Road to Success" for lack of faith. If you take this road find a mirror quickly. Look at the blessings which God has given to you and return to the road of service. The road of service leads to thoughts of others and away from self-pity.

Another path to avoid is that of putting things off. It is wise to cover the rough places first. Doing the hard tasks first will help to keep you away from this dangerous path.

### The Consecration Service

(The president of the society could lead the consecration service.) For ideas order the pamphlet, *What Is the Consecration Meeting?* 35c per dozen from the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

We have considered many thoughts about success and we have heard a challenge to work. We must dedicate ourselves to Christ. We want to be prepared for every good work. Let us show our willingness to work and study by coming to the front for a consecration circle.

PRAAYER: Our Heavenly Father, we pray that Thy Son, Jesus Christ, will be our daily guide. Help us to want to do the work that is distateful. Teach us to do Thy will. Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer. Our Father, which art in Heaven

### Daily Bible Readings

- M. Aug. 30 Seek Knowledge Proverbs 2:1-7  
T. Aug. 31 Find Wisdom Proverbs 3:13-23  
W. Sept. 1 Get Understanding Proverbs 4:5-13  
T. Sept. 2 Buy Truth Proverbs 23:23-26  
F. Sept. 3 Know the Lord Jeremiah 9:23,24  
S. Sept. 4 Praise God for Wisdom Daniel 2:19-23

Sun. Sept. 5—Topic: The Road to Success  
II Timothy 2:15-21  
(Labor Sunday)

Comments by Mrs. Christian A. Tirre, a guidance counselor at Starling Junior High School in Columbus, Ohio

# Where's Your Future?

Psalm 73:23-28

## Leader's Plans

Discuss the topic with your counselor or advisor and decide who should be the speaker. Invite the speaker early and let him know of the plans for the meeting. Give him an idea as to the amount of time he will be expected to speak.

Check the audio-visual catalog for a film or filmstrip on vocational choice or on a look at the future. Use the filmstrip to introduce the speaker. When using audio-visual materials always preview the film before showing it to the group. Have your equipment set up early and check it out before the meeting starts.

Begin the meeting with light refreshments including fortune cookies. For posters announcing the topic, use a crystal ball with the question posed, "Where's Your Future?"

Collect pamphlets describing the church vocations available in your denomination. Order college brochures and catalogs from the church supported schools in your area or denomination.

Prepare copies of the questions to consider for distribution during the meeting.

As an alternate suggestion ask several successful Christians what influenced their decisions concerning their lifework. Tape record some of these interviews and play them at the meeting.

## To the Counselor

The Scripture speaks of our future as being in God's hands for time and for eternity. Junior Highs need to consider the basic purpose of life. Thoughts of the future bring increasing pressures on them in these days. With impending crises day after day, in the midst of constant dangers, they still must be planning and preparing for the future. Such preparation requires faith and commitment into the hands of God. This would be a good time for the minister or a Christian teacher to be a guest speaker, presenting the challenge which the future holds and the place of education in preparing for the future.

## The Bidding Prayer

In a bidding prayer the leader offers suggestions that leads the group in prayer. Prayer thoughts could include these sentences:

- Pray for God's guidance as you consider your life's work.
- Pray for the teachers in Christian schools.
- Pray for the courage to do what you know is right in the new school year.
- Pray for the officers of your Christian Endeavor society.

You may add other prayer thoughts of your own. After giving each prayer sentence, pause and allow time for silent prayers by the members.

## Thoughts on the Scripture

The future brings rapid changes. We cannot know the future until it unfolds. The only thing certain is God's love and His promise of guidance. Life has many problems to face. In every difficulty, we must find strength in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. All people meet with conflicts but only Christians are assured of power that comes from God to overcome the problems of life. The main importance of life is to discover and to



do the will of God. Our life is useless except as it truly glorifies God. By believing in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, we may have eternal life. The immediate future seems very unimportant when faced with eternity. The best preparation for the future is a decision to serve Christ today and always. With a Christian mission uppermost in the plans, our future will be secure in God's hands.

## Topic Meditation

Where are you headed? Have you planned to reach certain goals or are you wandering around taking any road and not thinking about where that road leads?

The early choices of Junior High students cannot be free of mistakes. It is not possible to predict the future. This fact makes it necessary to rely on God and to seek His will for all of life.

The chorus *We Choose Christ* emphasizes the most important decision for anyone to make. It is particularly important for Junior Highs to make this decision. It is too easy to drift without purpose and waste the best years of training and learning.

The Christian has the basic purpose of training himself to serve God. This helps him to look at his vocational choice as a way of serving his fellowman rather than just a livelihood.

Deciding upon your high school course will affect your future plans. Colleges require certain courses for entering. Do not wait until the senior year to discover the courses needed for entering the col-

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lege that you choose. You may desire to investigate the technical programs for training after high school or you may take a vocational course in high school. Apprenticeship programs offer numerous opportunities for training.

As you plan your high school program consider these basic points. Your abilities, interests, and opportunities will help you to choose the best course. Do not take the easiest course but take as difficult a course as your abilities will permit. For example, if you do well in arithmetic take algebra instead of a general math course. Even though you can see no immediate need for the more advanced course; take it if you are capable. Since many of you will change your minds about your future plans it is better to be prepared than to wish you were.

In your course selection, study many things in general but major in one special area.

Look at yourself carefully before choosing. Are you expecting too much of yourself or too little?

The school guidance counselor will be glad to guide you in your investigation of a vocational choice.

In your future training consider the value gained from having Christian teachers. Knowledge without faith is meaningless. To train the mind and neglect your spiritual nourishment will stunt the growth of your faith.

(Specifically, discuss the attributes of your church supported college.)

The rich experience of Christian fellowship is one of the most important advantages of attending a Christian college.

A Christian vocation is not just a church vocation. All Christians seek to hear the call of God for their life's work. All honest work can be a witness of the effect of Christ in the life of one of His servants. The attitude of faith says, "I am a Christian who happens to be a farmer, laborer, or businessman."

There are several opportunities to give full-time work in a church vocation. Probably, you think of a minister when you consider a church vocation. This challenging call is often overlooked by ambitious young people. The church offers opportunities in music and clerical tasks, as well as teaching.

Your future depends on the you of today. The work habits that you now follow will continue in your work pattern. Some habits that should be devel-

### Consider This Checklist

- I am making good grades in school.
- I am aware of my interests and abilities.
- I plan to take a vocational course in high school.
- I plan to take a college preparatory course in high school.
- I plan to enter the military service.
- I have discussed my plans with my parents.
- I have been saving money for my future education.
- I have not made a decision about my future education.
- I am aware of the colleges supported by my church.
- I am enjoying my present activities.
- I have accepted Jesus Christ, as Lord and Saviour of my life.
- I am considering a full-time church vocation.
- I am a member of the quiet hour. Each day I spend fifteen minutes in personal devotions.
- I share in the work of the committees of this Christian Endeavor society.
- I attend the worship services of my church faithfully.

of His Saviour through love for his fellowman. To deny the call of God is to live a life wondering what would have happened if you had obeyed the call. All are called to be Christians. The field of service depends upon your opportunities. The resignation of Paul may be good to remember. He wrote, "Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content." (RSV Philippians 4:11.) There is no guarantee that the future will be easy or exactly what you want it to be. It is often easier to give up your ambitions than to struggle and work. Keep in mind the first phrase of the Christian Endeavor pledge. "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do."

### Resources

Order copies of *Life's Greatest Decisions* 75c per dozen, *Lifework Recruit Enrollment Cards* 35c per dozen, and *What Is a Lifework Recruit?* 35c per dozen. These may be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Check the *Guide for ACTION* to make the necessary plans for the future of your Christian Endeavor society. The Guide contains suggestions for each of the five committees for every month. Planning is the key to a happy and successful future.

### Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 6	Ignorance of God Brings Sin	Judges 2:6-13
T. Sept. 7	A Call to Decision	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
W. Sept. 8	Know Christ for Life Eternal	John 17:1-3
T. Sept. 9	Labor for God's Approval	II Corinthians 5:1-10
F. Sept. 10	Our Hope in Christ	I John 3:1-3
S. Sept. 11	Our Eternal Hope	Titus 2:11-15
Sun. Sept. 12—Topic: Where's Your Future?		Psalm 73:23-28

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Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.

### The Leader's Conclusion

Have you been thinking about your future? Are you really seeking to know God's will for your life? Many adults have missed the blessing of a life which is centered and guided by the hand of God. God is calling every young person to a full and fruitful life in the service

Topic 1 in a Unit: Serving in Our Christian Endeavor Society

# Why Have Committees?

Acts 6:1-7

## For Publicity

On a piece of poster board trace a hand. List the names of the five committees on the fingers and the thumb with a black felt pen. On the center of the hand print the words: *Stop, Look, and Listen! Get a Grip on that Committee.*

On the side of the poster print the topic title, time, and place of your meeting with a red felt pen. Put an announcement in the church bulletin and your weekly newsletter. Give a friendly invitation to members and visitors. Use your telephone. This should be the responsibility of the entire society.

## Prepare Poster for the Topic

A Challenge through Committees:  
by knowing our tasks  
by using many helps

Use this poster as a covered strip chart and uncover each line before presentation.

## Topic Presentation

### A CHALLENGE THROUGH COMMITTEES BY KNOWING OUR TASKS

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 11:29

FEATURE: Have all persons in the following demonstration sit motionless behind the leader. On each one place a sign with the name of his committee printed on it. Spotlight each person as he speaks.

LEADER: Tonight you are to witness a play. The players are in the wings waiting for the rise of the curtain. They all play very important leads in the drama of Christian Endeavor.

(Turn the room lights off and turn spotlight on.)

THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: I am chairman of the devotional committee. Our committee is responsible for the spiritual tone of the society and of every member in it. Our committee has the sole responsibility for planning and carrying out the plans of the weekly devotional meeting. We select spiritual emphases, topics and leaders, special guest speakers, and try to provide an interesting, helpful meeting for our society. As a committee we work with other com-

mittees. We assist the social committee by planning the devotional thought for the fellowship times. We can provide opportunity for the missionary committee to present the cause of missions by asking missionaries to be our speakers. Also, the devotional committee has a responsibility to the society members. We must provide materials on daily Bible readings, the Quiet Hour, and assist in the personal growth of each members' spiritual life. Most of all our committee is concerned with winning youth to Christ.

Our motto is:

*Harry, Harry quite contrary  
How does your program grow?  
With good weekly planning  
And the committee not just scanning  
With real effort the interest will grow.*

THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: It is the responsibility of our committee to set a pattern of attendance, of friendliness, and of commitment. The first duty of our committee is to maintain the current membership and to encourage their faithful attendance. We want our absent members to know that they are missed.

### Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service: (conducted by the executive committee)

Call to Worship: Psalm 29:2

Hymn: *In the Service of the King;  
Take My Life and Let It Be*

Prayer: (the executive committee especially taking part.)

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Announcements and Offering

Special Music: *Give of Your Best  
to the Master*

Poster Explanation by Leader

Topic Presentation:

1—A Challenge through Committees by knowing our tasks

Scripture: Matthew 11:29

Feature: Acrostic

2—A Challenge through Committees by using many helps

Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk  
with Thee*

Benediction



This requires careful keeping of attendance records. Secondly, the lookout committee has the task of enlisting new members. This requires meeting and inviting people. It also requires the scouring of the Sunday school rolls and school friends. Address lists with phone numbers must be kept accurate and up-to-date. Personal visits and invitations will be most effective in contacting people.

Our motto is:

*Jack and Jill get up that hill  
and find that absent member.  
If you fall down on the very first round,  
"Try, try again" remember?*

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Our committee has the job of educating the society members about the missionary projects which our church supports. This includes facts such as locations, types of work, and personalities who work on the mission field.

Our committee also has the responsibility of creating an awareness of the importance of missions and the responsibility each committed Christian has to give support to this work. Our committee will also make every effort to encourage those who are interested in mission work as a vocation.

Our motto is:

*Twinkle, twinkle little star  
How I wonder just what missions are.  
Here at home and far away we need to  
work to plan to pray  
A helping hand to lend, to all whom we  
would call our friend.*

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Everyone wants to be on our committee for we are the fun group. Regularly planned fellowship nights are essential to get acquainted. Our committee can do much to build a solid society through our social activities which bring the members together for fun. Each activity we plan will end with

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a devotional period. The details of planning may seem unnecessary at first and too often this is the attitude taken by the social committee, but carefully worked out details are essential to success. Fun things don't just happen, they are planned.

Our motto is:

*Hi diddle, diddle the cat and the fiddle,  
Party time is here again.  
The social committee is right in the middle  
of plans for Rivers Bend.  
Wieners and buns, games and a song  
Grab your "uke" and come along.*

**CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE:** This is the newest of the five appointed committees and strengthens the entire wheel of activity for all of the other committees. Our committee can be a strong link that will tie the youth of the church to the total work of the church and the adult congregation. Ours is a committee of service which works outside the society, it attempts to make easier the total work of the church by doing various jobs around the church. This committee isn't afraid of manual labor or of getting their hands dirty. Our big desire is to be of service to the total church program.

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The executive committee is the hub of the wheel. Other committees receive their authority from this committee. This group composed of the officers and the five committee chairmen, sets the pace of the society work. Our responsibilities usually include: calling business meetings, appointing committees, and dispersing funds. Our committee must be the example of leadership through honesty, attendance, punctuality, and consecration. This committee is the connecting link between the local society and the county union. Truly to be on the executive committee is on the job training in church leadership.

**LEADER:** As you have heard, committee planning is very important in developing wide-awake Christian Endeavor societies. A good program, trained leaders, new members, and new societies do not just happen, they are planned for in advance. With your help we can enlist many young people for training who desire a deeper relationship with Christ and the Church.  
(Spotlight off and room lights on.)

**LEADER:** Take a look at our players because they really represent all of our committees. A year long drama is ahead of us and we hope you will become

### Questions for Discussion

1. Why do we have committees?
2. Should the committee chairman do all the planning?
3. Give a definition of a good committee.
4. How do you promote good fellowship in your society?
5. Do you consult your counselor when making plans for a meeting or party?

familiar with your task. If your committee does not plan and work its plan our whole society will become stagnant and uninteresting.

#### WORDS TO FIND:

W—II Timothy 3:17

O—Titus 2:5

R—Titus 2:12

K—II Timothy 3:15

E—II Timothy 4:5

R—Titus 2:12

S—II Timothy 2:15

Find a word in the above Scriptures to complete the above acrostic.

### A CHALLENGE THROUGH COMMITTEES BY USING MANY HELPS

**PREPARATION:** A week before the meeting assign each one of the following resource materials to a committee member requesting that he give a two-minute report on why it is needed and how it will help in your youth group.

1—The Bible

2—THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

3—Christian Endeavor Essentials

4—Christian Endeavor Songs and the Christian Endeavor Pledge.

5—Guide for ACTION 1965-66  
(Junior High edition)

**LEADER:** There are many unlimited materials to direct our learning in Christian Endeavor.

**REPORTS:** (Assigned previously)

**LEADER:** We are aware of the many well prepared materials available to us. Let's use them.

### Additional Suggestions

The following chart could be used to evaluate and grade each meeting for a month. This will help to show where there are preparation weaknesses and set a pattern for general improvement.

### A CHALLENGE TO IMPROVE OUR MEETINGS WITH A BETTER MEETING CAMPAIGN

Date

Topic

Leader	Points
1. Starting on time	100
2. Worship Program	
a. song service (appropriately chosen)	
b. special music	
c. spiritual value	350
3. Participation	
a. leader	
b. giving opportunity to others	
c. discussion guidance	350
4. Special Features	
a. programs	
b. decorations (flowers etc.)	
c. other features (story or speaker)	
d. room arrangement	200
TOTAL	1000

### Try This

Appoint a talent secretary to keep records of capable pianists, song leaders and others with talent who are available to take part in Christian Endeavor meetings. The talent secretary would tabulate the information in the following manner and give copies to the devotional, lookout, and social committee chairmen:

Name—address—and phone number

What the person can do

Where willing to work

When willing to work—regular or substitute

Such information is vital in making new members feel at home and letting them know that committees and society members are interested in them.

Comments by Vivian Mondhan, Tillamook, Oregon

### Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 13	A Committee of Four	Mark 2:1-12
T. Sept. 14	A Committee of Twelve	Mark 3:13-19
W. Sept. 15	Committees Go Two by Two	Mark 6:7-13
T. Sept. 16	A Committee of Two	Mark 11:1-7
F. Sept. 17	A Committee Prepares Supper	Mark 14:12-16
S. Sept. 18	A Committee of Three	Mark 14:32-42
Sun. Sept. 19	Topic: Why Have Committees?	Acts 6:1-7



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# Behind the Scene

I Corinthians 15:58; Ephesians 6:5-8

## Aims

1. To make use of the knowledge gained in last week's topic concerning the task of each committee.
2. To show that a winning team is formed by study, prayer, and work behind the scenes before the players take to the field.

## Preparation

1. PUBLICITY: Make a large football of brown construction paper. With a felt pen, letter in the time, date, and place of your meeting. Place on a bulletin board so that all who come to your youth group will notice it.

2. ROOM ARRANGEMENT: Arrange the room to look like a football "training session." Have football diagrams on the chalkboard, a list of players tacked on the wall, footballs, helmets, shoes, and other football gear stacked in one corner of the room.

3. ADDED ATTRACTION IF YOU SO DESIRE:
- (1) Testimony by an outstanding Christian athlete.
  - (2) Play the recording *Determination in Business and Sports* and *Heart of A Champion* by Bob Richards. (obtainable through General Mills Corporation.)

SETTING: Three "coaches" are seated at a table at the front of the room (they can be played by three Junior High boys).

LEADER: Good evening. I know our coaches are glad to have this opportunity to answer questions you may have about our team. (Arrange beforehand for two Junior High young people to ask these questions.)

FIRST JUNIOR HI'ER: I would like to ask a question of Head Coach Well Prepared. You keep talking about Christian Endeavor Essentials. Why is this so important.

HEAD COACH WELL PREPARED: Well, training rules are not set up to keep our players from having fun. They are set up



to keep them in the best playing condition. Our players surely show whether they have had good training or not when they are out there on the field playing a game. The same thing is true in our Christian Endeavor society, if we do not know the training rules our witness is destroyed. If we have not been playing by the rules, our meeting, will not be an exciting and challenging experience.

COACH LEARN-BY-DOING: May I interrupt here? There is another side to this training Head Coach Well Prepared. Some of our team mates are making it possible for us to have a winning team. They are the faithful part of our team who never say "no" when called out to practice. They write letters, make phone calls, and never miss committee meetings. They work hard all week to make our Sunday "game" (meeting) something our fans will like. Thank you for letting me speak up for our teammates behind the scenes.

SECOND JUNIOR HI'ER: I would like to ask Coach Success a question. In one of your talks you said that games were to be won, what did you mean?

COACH SUCCESS: (Read I Corinthians 9:24,25.) Since coaching is my job I find myself very much interested in the life of Paul. He was interested in sports also as we can tell by his letters and sermons. We are playing the "game of life" and our prize will last forever. This is what I meant by winning the big game.

## Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Scripture: Psalm 96 (read with girls first and boys responding)

Hymn: *Since Jesus Came into My Heart; Spirit of the Living God*

Prayer

Scripture: I Corinthians 15:58 and Ephesians 6:5-8

Announcements and Offering

Special Feature (if desired)

Leader Introduces:

First Junior Hi'er

Head Coach: Well Prepared

Assistant Coach: Learn By Doing

Second Junior Hi'er

Assistant Coach: Success

Goal to Goal

Let's Diagram

Leader's Conclusion

Hymn: *Now I Belong to Jesus*

Benediction

## Goal to Goal

Jesus expressed the goal of his life in his prayer in John 17:4 (read this).

Nehemiah and his people had a specific goal. They did their job well. (Read Nehemiah 4:6.)

Paul accomplished his goal as revealed in II Timothy 4:7. (Read this.) We, too, must have specific goals if our work is to be effective.

## Let's Diagram

So that our coach (president) will know what our plays are, let's diagram our activities by asking some questions. Let us each look critically at our society program. The best place for us to study the meaning we give to endeavor is right in our own local society.

Having been notified ahead of time, each committee chairman is prepared at this time to share by chalkboard (or mimeographed sheet), questions covering his committee.

Football is a tough hard game. Let us remember that to endeavor means to attempt strenuously. To attempt means to put forth effort, and strenuously means vigorously, energetically, bravely, boldly, actively.

What a wonderful game we are in as we work with Christian Endeavor, with many societies of young people

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putting forth vigorous, active, energetic effort to live for Christ and the Church. Let us look critically at our own society program:

#### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

- Do we have a pre-prayer circle?
- Do we stress carefully planned meetings every week?
- Do we always start on time?
- Is there a worshipful atmosphere in our meetings?
- Do we try to give everyone an opportunity to take part in some way?
- Do we encourage the timid members by giving them easy things to do at first?
- Is there variety in our meetings? Do we use new ideas and room arrangements?
- Do we use special features such as stories, dramatizations, skits, hymn stories, picture interpretations, filmstrips?
- How long has it been since we learned a new hymn?
- Are we keeping a scrapbook of ideas?
- Are we on the alert to constantly improve our meetings?

#### LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

- Is our membership list, both of active and associate members, up-to-date?
- Do we have a live prospect list?
- Do we keep a record of attendance and participation at the meetings?
- Do we contact absentees right away? Do we send cards to the sick?
- Do we have a goal for new members and work toward that goal?
- Do we have a regular calling night once a month?
- Do we have a supply of active and associate pledge cards and can we explain the meaning of each to prospective members?
- Do we make visitors welcome at our meetings?

#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Do we have well-planned socials once a month?
- Do we cooperate with the lookout committee in inviting all prospects? Do we make a special effort to see that visitors have a good time?
- Do we always plan a devotional closing to our socials?
- Do we keep a scrapbook of ideas for games, refreshments, decorations, etc?

#### CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

- Do we publicize all of our youth activities?
- Do we have a monthly (or quarterly) youth night?
- Do we have a youth choir and sing for the evening church services?
- Do we help in our church vacation Bible school?
- Do we stress church attendance, especially at the evening service?
- Do we attend Christian Endeavor rallies, conferences, conventions, camps?
- Does our minister know that he can always count on us in an emergency?
- Do we keep a scrapbook of our publicity?

#### MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

- Do we have at least six good interesting missionary meetings each year?
- Do we have a definite missionary project for home missions? For foreign missions?
- Do we cooperate with our church in a school of missions?
- Do we have and use a missionary prayer list?
- Did we ever have a missionary social?
- Have we ever put on a missionary play or dramatization?
- Have we ever had a Christmas party for others?
- Are we keeping a missionary scrapbook?
- Do we ever write to our missionaries?

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Do we know what we are supposed to do?
- Have we set a time and place for our business meetings? Do we hold them regularly? Do we have written reports?
- Have we ever had a fall or spring planning conference?
- Is every member in our society assigned to some committee?
- Have we ever had a class in Christian Endeavor Essentials?
- Do we stress daily Bible reading and prayer?
- How many Quiet Hour Comrades do we have in our society? Do we stress stewardship of time, talents, and money?
- How many members of the Tenth Legion do we have?

#### Leader's Conclusion

Jesus says, "Without me, ye can do nothing." (Read Philippians 4:13.) When we are asked to do things in Christian Endeavor we often say "I can't do that." Be willing to try. It is important that Christian young people be more concerned about pleasing Christ our Head Coach in the game of life than in pleasing others.

Teams must practice diligently to be able to make touchdowns and build up their score.

1. PRACTICE to have good programs; work with the president and other officers.
2. PRACTICE to enlist every prospect on your church roll. Lead the committee to set definite goals.
3. PRACTICE to lead each member to deepen his or her spiritual life.
4. PRACTICE to make adequate provision for progress by making the monthly planning session a must.
5. PRACTICE to be more enthusiastic. Enthusiasm is contagious and will help build your team and increase your score.

#### Dr. Clark and Committees

"The purpose of the committees in a Christian Endeavor society is obvious. It is to provide appropriate means of serving the Master, for every member of the society, old and young. A committee is a company to whom something is committed.

A committee of a Christian Endeavor society is a band of young people to whom is committed some distinct and definite form of Christian work. The committee system of the society divides its duties in a natural, simple, and comprehensible way. It makes the duty of each one so definite that he can understand it, and, if he will, can perform it. It gives to each one something suitable to his years and abilities. It provides legitimate service for the feeblest Christian as well as for the strongest. In the ideal society every member will be placed upon some committee, and will be given some distinct and definite work to do for the Master."

—Dr. Francis E. Clark

#### Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 20	Faithful Officers	Nehemiah 13:9-14
T. Sept. 21	Examples of Other Believers	I Thessalonians 1:1-7
W. Sept. 22	Small Tasks Are Important	Matthew 10:38-42
T. Sept. 23	Humble Service	Acts 20:17-28
F. Sept. 24	Serve in Christ's Name	Colossians 3:12-17
S. Sept. 25	Serve with Singleness of Heart	Colossians 3:22-24
Sun. Sept. 26	Topic: Behind the Scene	
	I Corinthians 15:58; Ephesians 6:5-8	

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# Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

## Publicity

Prepare posters with pictures of colleges and universities. These may be photographs of institutions of higher learning located in the vicinity and of church-related schools. Show a young man and a young woman facing the schools as though trying to make a choice. Use no names but liberally sprinkle the poster with question marks. Include the legends "Where is S.U. for You?" and "See You at Christian Endeavor!" along with data concerning the meeting. On a table below each poster place catalogs, brochures, etc. of schools of interest to members of the society. The meeting room could also be decorated with a collegiate theme including pennants, pictures, yearbooks, etc.

## For the Leader

Since the current topic has as its purpose the encouragement of young people to consider attending college, offering help in selecting a school, as well as the advantages of church-related institutions, the devotional committee could vary the program by having a representative of a church-related school speak to the society. He could present the program of his college, and then follow with a period of questions which concern young people who are thinking of going to college.

Another plan would be to have a team from a church-related school put on the program. A third plan would be to have young people from the church who either currently are in college or are recent graduates present the advantages of the particular types of institutions which they attended. They could also discuss problems which they faced and what preparation is necessary for entrance into their respective kinds of schools.

## Leader's Talk

It was not by accident that the Daily Readings for the past week were chosen from the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, for these along with Job may be classed as the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament. The writers of these books were learned men who were interested in wisdom, knowledge, and simi-

lar topics, and their application to the problems of life.

In the reading selected for Wednesday, Proverbs 9:1-18, Wisdom is personified as a householder who has erected a house in which she is continually prepared to serve, as at a banquet, tasty and stimulating mental and spiritual food and drink to guests of unformed minds if only they will heed her urgent invitation. Central in the instruction which she offers is religion as is pointed out in verse 10:

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

The Scripture chosen for this topic, I Timothy 4:16, also warns that not all that is taught is trustworthy and true so the apostle admonishes, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine . . ."

Today, there are many agencies through which the young are instructed. These include the home, the church, and the public schools. But for many youth the institution which is crucial in formulating their philosophy of life is the college or university which they attend. As these do not all have the same outlook, some are Christian, some purely secular, and some even anti-Christian teaching may be encountered. The topics for today and next Sunday will be concerned with Higher Education and especially problems which Christian young people face in preparing for and making a choice of a college. This is the meaning of the topic S.U. ("Somewhere University") *Here I Come!*

## Talks on the Topic

**1.** It is commonplace knowledge that education is a necessity if one is to make his way in modern society. All the professions have educational prerequisites and the tendency is to make

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Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Higher Education

# S. U., Here I Come!

(Somewhere University)

(Labor Sunday)

I Timothy 4:16

## Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service (For the leader and all who have special parts in the program)

Prelude

Song Service: *For Christ and the Church; Christ Is the Answer; In the Service of the King; Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak; Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Sentence Prayers (Since this is the first Sunday of the month and therefore "Consecration Sunday" each member of the society should be prepared to participate in a season of prayer. It would be well for the leader to make some suggestions concerning what might be included such as prayers for church colleges; guidance to young people considering what college to choose; encouragement to young people contemplating preparation for specifically Christian vocations; the invoking of God's protective Providence upon those entering college or continuing in higher education.

Announcements

Offering: (The offering might be given to a church-related college supported by the church, go into the church scholarship fund, or to a member of the society preparing for Christian service who needs financial aid.)

Special Music: (The *Alma Maters* of church related colleges might be sung if they are suitable and embody Christian idealism.)

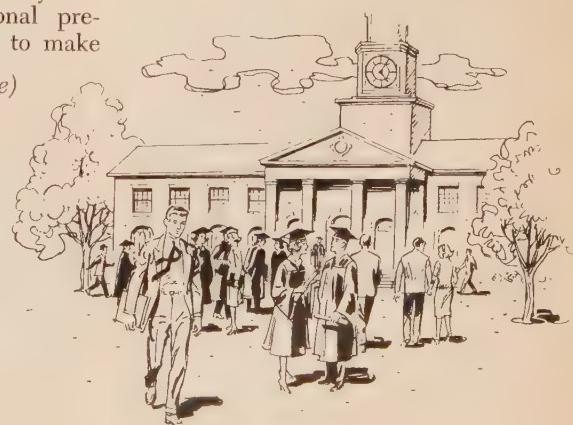
Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-12; I Timothy 4:16

Leader's Talk

Presentation of the Topic

Closing Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*

Friendship Circle and Benediction: (This can be especially meaningful if this is the last Sunday some of the society will be present before leaving for college.)



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these more stringent. Representatives of business and industry maintain a constant lookout for promising young people about to graduate from college or university whom they may employ in lucrative positions. The skilled "white collar" proportion of the labor force which requires an educational background is increasing while the unskilled "blue collar" workers are decreasing. Even many jobs which are not particularly specialized are only open to those who have at least a high school education with college graduates preferred. High school dropouts have difficulty finding employment of a permanent nature. That is why education is such an important phase of President Johnson's "War on Poverty." So, one purpose of an education is practical and vocational—preparation for earning a living.

**2.** Although a factor in the decision to go to college, as has just been pointed out, is vocational, this is neither the only nor the most important reason. An institution of higher learning should do more than train, it should educate. That is, its aim should not be to merely pass on skills but to enrich the thinking and lives of its students. This is education. For this reason other than purely practical considerations should enter into the choice of a college and the courses of study in which one enrolls. If this were not so, then the education of women who never hold positions in public life, but function instead as homemakers might be considered a waste of time and money. Likewise why require a business administration major to take a course in literature or a ministerial student in science, if the end of education is trained automation? Although vocational training is an essential function of higher education, the production of thinking men and women who have an appreciation for culture and learning is even more important.

**3.** A third reason for higher education is to prepare intelligent men and women for places of Christian leadership. The people who manage the great corporations, staff the school rooms, write the books, edit the newspapers and magazines, gather the data and do the thinking for the political leaders, engage in research, and affect society in countless other ways are going to be people of education. Whether their influence will be purely secular, religious, or anti-religious will be determined by how much the leadership of the world is composed of men and women of high ideals and strong religious convictions.

How are Christians to compete for such places of leadership in this battle for the minds of men unless they, too, have been well equipped by education?

**4.** "College" is a magic word to many starry-eyed idealistic high school age young people. It is an "open sesame" to the conquest of the universe and the password which gains entrance to a fantastic world of wealth and success. So they enroll in a school which is nearby, one whose tuition they think they can afford, one with a reputation for success in athletics, or one which possesses a militant alumni association or a promotional office of "Madison Avenue" caliber without ever stopping to carefully consider whether this particular school offers the type of education which best suits their own particular needs and purposes.

Institutions of higher learning (that is schools above the secondary or high school level) may be classified in various ways. One is their control. Some are tax-supported schools controlled by the state or local boards of education. Others are church-related institutions with varying degrees of church control. Still others are purely private institutions controlled by their own boards of directors. To some extent the philosophy of the schools is affected by the type of control to which they are subject.

Schools may be classified by their curricula (courses of study). Formerly the most common was the liberal arts college. This is generally a four-year college which offers a general course of study in the humanities (history, literature, fine arts, etc.) and sciences. Such schools usually offer limited professional courses so as to prepare their students for careers in business and public school teaching. Pre-professional courses may be offered in medicine, law, etc. In addition, if the college is church related it will likely offer courses in religion which in varying degrees prepare for the ministry and similar vocations.

Universities are properly institutions composed of a number of schools. These may include liberal arts schools, schools of education, agriculture, business administration, etc. True universities also have graduate schools. This is the category into which most professional schools such as law and medicine fall. If the university is a private or church-related institution it may also have a divinity or theological school. In the United States public institutions do not have full schools of religion because of the principle of the separation of church and state. Some schools called universities are not much more than large colleges which

emphasize undergraduate (four-year) education which comparatively small graduate departments. Others have small under-graduate schools because they are primarily concerned with graduate education and some of them with research.

The third type of school is the technical, vocational, or specialized institution. Some of these offer education on both the graduate and undergraduate level, others on one or the other only. In the religious field, Bible Colleges are generally specialized undergraduate institutions which prepare for specifically Christian vocations, and theological seminaries, graduate schools which have a similar purpose.

**5.** From what has already been said it should be evident that a number of matters should be considered in selecting a college. One is if that institution will adequately prepare a student for the vocation which he wishes to pursue. Since religion cannot be taught to any great extent in the public institutions of the United States, it should be obvious that the state university is the wrong place for the ministerial student. Likewise if one is interested in religion, the kind of religion taught is of importance. Is it "liberal" or "conservative"? Is it in harmony with one's understanding of the Bible or diametrically opposed?

**6.** Another aspect in the choice of a college is the life of the institution in question. This is particularly important in the case of the student who leaves home, his parents and friends, and the home church for residence on a college or university campus. Will the prevailing philosophy and attitude which he finds there square with his Christian ideals? Will the social activities and life in the residence halls be of such a nature that he can whole-heartedly and conscientiously participate? If not, regardless of the academic excellence of the institution, he would do well to look elsewhere for his undergraduate education.

#### Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 30	Lessons to Remember	Ecclesiastes 22:1-7
T. Aug. 31	Lessons About a Fool	Proverbs 26:1-12
W. Sept. 1	Lessons for Sluggards	Proverbs 26:13-19
T. Sept. 2	Lessons on Wisdom	Proverbs 9:1-18
F. Sept. 3	Lessons on Talebearing	Proverbs 26:20-28
S. Sept. 4	Lessons About Changing Times	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
Sun. Sept. 5—Topic: S.U., Here I Come!		I Timothy 4:16 (Labor Sunday)

Comments by Park H. Netting, professor of Church History and Bible at Pacific Christian College, Long Beach, California

Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Higher Education

# Midnight Oil

Proverbs 4:7

## Publicity

Send out postcards with the design of an old fashioned kerosene lamp, a "plus" sign and a student with a book, then an "equals" sign and the picture of a diploma. The legend could be, "Hear This Formula for Success Discussed . . ." followed by information concerning the Christian Endeavor meeting. The same design could be used on posters. Decorations of the meeting room could be the same as those suggested for the preceding meeting. (See "Publicity" in the topic for September 5.)

## For the Leader

Instead of special music, plan a special feature related to college life. Well in advance write to a church-related college and ask for the loan of slides or a film that would briefly picture a typical day on the campus. As an alternative, present a skit depicting the same thing. Scenes might include an illuminated alarm clock going off in a dark room at 6:00 A.M.; a typical classroom scene; a club or discussion group; a student hunched over a book illuminated by an old fashioned kerosene lamp; and two roommates ending the day with devotions.

## Leader's Talk

The measure of success in America today seems to be the size of a person's income. Material possession, then, is the goal of life. Quite a different perspective was that held by the sage who said in the lesson text (Proverbs 4:7):

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

To achieve this goal of the ancient wiseman also means to reject the philosophy of many moderns which seems to be to get more and more for less and less. It means rather to return to the ideal of Abraham Lincoln when he said, "I will study hard and get ready, and perhaps my chance will come." In spite of all the attempts of modern educators to convert school into play, there is no royal road to learning. The student is not a union member limited by an eight-hour day and a forty-hour week with



time-and-a-half for overtime and double time for holidays. Education is the result of the slow acquisition of knowledge gained by laborious study which may well often involve burning the proverbial "midnight oil" rather than lolling around watching the late-late show on television.

Last week we considered the advantages of a college education, today let us think about getting ready for college and how we can get through college, once we have been admitted.

## Talks on the Topic

**1.** Much is being said today about the "population explosion." This is of particular concern to the present generation of young people as the babies born in the great increase in the birth rate which followed World War II are now at or approaching college age and so are taxing the capacity of many college and university facilities.

This problem is being met in various ways. Some old institutions have been expanded. New facilities are being constructed. Especially is this true in the case of tax-supported institutions of higher learning. So, it is still possible for the average high school graduate to go on somewhere for some college education. But this does not insure that he will be able to enroll in the school of his choice or that he will ever receive a baccalaureate degree or higher.

## Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Quiet Music

Song Service: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master; Christ Is the Answer; Give of Your Best to the Master; Trusting Jesus; I Would Be True*

Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Special Feature

Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 4:7

Leader's Talk

Presentation of the Topic

Closing Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Benediction

The problem of overcrowding is taken care of in various ways by different institutions. Some have very high academic entrance requirements so that only the top-ranking students in their high school graduating classes are admitted. Some schools have lower entrance requirements but ruthlessly "weed out" the unfit in the first year or so. In California there is a three-fold system of public higher education. Throughout the state there are junior colleges to which any resident high school graduate can gain entrance regardless of his grades or his high school curriculum. But mere admission does not mean that he will stay. Even if he completes the two year course which the junior college offers he must have a creditable enough record to be admitted to some other school in order to earn a recognized degree. On the other hand, not everyone is admitted to one of the state colleges, but only those with a certain scholastic rating and sufficient credits in the right fields. For admission to the University of California the standards are still higher, very good grades in high school and the successful completion of a prescribed course of study. The result is that those who enter the university are from the top eight percent of their high school graduating classes.

What does this all mean for the student still in high school? If he wishes to go to the college of his choice, he should make sure that the course of study which he is following will meet the entrance requirements of that school. Besides, he should do his best to make high grades, especially in the hard academic subjects. This may involve sacri-

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ficing some activities in which one might well wish to engage. It also may require much self-discipline and some late hours of study. But if one has the intellectual capacity these will all pay off. He will not be so limited in his choice of a college and when he has gained admission he will be prepared for the self-discipline that is required for the production of a scholar.

**2.** Much is said in these days about democracy. This ideal is sometimes misinterpreted to mean that all people are equal in ability and therefore all should have the same opportunity to acquire a formal education. This is not the case. Although God has created us all and therefore we are all precious in his sight, and although in a democracy all citizens are equal before the law, we just do not all have the same abilities and capacities. Since higher education, regardless of the specific field, is intellectually demanding, only those with the mental ability to profit from such an experience should enroll in college.

For this reason wise counsel as well as self-analysis should be resorted to long before graduation from high school. If it is seen that a student has no aptitude for academic pursuits, he should be encouraged to develop the abilities which he does have so that when he finishes his high school career he will have a skill or be prepared to enroll in some course in vocational training in which he can reasonably be expected to be a success and in the practice of which he can earn a living and be happy. This is far preferable to encouraging him to embark on a collegiate career where he is certain to experience failure with the frustration and loss of face which accompany it.

However, intellectual incapacity is not the only cause for failure in college. Another, perhaps, even greater, factor in the case of young people actually accepted as matriculants, is the lack of a serious purpose. This does not mean that to be successful in mastering college work everyone must have a definite vocational goal clearly in mind when he enrolls (although this helps). What it does mean is that the youth should have a desire to learn and a determination to master every course he undertakes, regardless of how uninteresting the subject matter may at first appear to be or how inept the professor is at presenting it. If the student has a wholesome curiosity about the world of learning in general, a constitutional persistency, and

### Questions for Discussion

1. What are some criteria for determining whether or not one should plan to go to college?
2. To what extent should one participate in extra-curricular activities while he is in school?
3. If one desires a college education should he consider marriage before completing it? Are the problems involved in respect to this the same for men and women?
4. To what extent should one engage in work while in school? Does one who works his way through college necessarily get a better education than one whose way is financed otherwise?
5. What kind of young people should be encouraged to prepare for specifically Christian vocations?

a desire to become an educated person, he will be a success in college and in the course of time see his vocational goal come into focus. So, both intellectual capacity and a genuine desire to learn are two indispensable prerequisites for a successful college career.

**3.** The desire to "have one's cake and eat it too" is characteristic of youth including college students. It is not at all unusual for young people to want to experience all of life "right now." This attitude often interferes with getting a good education.

Life must be analyzed both from the standpoint of short term and long range goals. One's ultimate purpose may be to be a skilled surgeon. To achieve this he does not immediately rent a suite of offices, invest in expensive surgical equipment, hire a receptionist and a nurse, and hang out his "shingle." Rather, for a long time he foregoes all of this. Instead he enrolls in college where he begins a pre-med course in which he studies such apparently unrelated subjects as English literature and German grammar, as well as some courses such as biology, chemistry, and anatomy which appear to contribute more directly to the achievement of his ultimate goal. When the embryonic surgeon finishes his pre-med course he then engages in the general study of medicine. Even when he receives his degree in this field he is not yet ready to practice on his own. Before that there must be an internship. Besides there will be a residency during which he will receive only modest remuneration. Finally, after all of this plus perhaps some additional specialized courses, the now not-so-young man may be ready to begin to build a reputation and fortune for himself as a surgeon. However in the meantime, years of self-

denial and the sacrifice of short-term pleasures were required to achieve his long-term goal.

So it is with the student in general. He must to a degree consecrate himself to an ascetic Spartan-like life for a limited time if he is to have the time and energy to gain from his study what is available. This may well mean the postponement of marriage and the founding of a home, not becoming too deeply involved in activities in which he may have a vital interest and the sacrifice for a time of other pleasures. In short, it means limiting one's efforts to the achievement of a single immediate goal in the interests of getting prepared to achieve greater successes later—the gaining of an education which will both enrich one's own life and adequately prepare him for the practice of his chosen vocation.

**4.** When higher education is mentioned, a companion thought generally is finances. College educations come in all brackets, from those which are comparatively cheap because of tax subsidization and the student's ability to live at home to those whose price is fantastic, either because of the luxurious style some demand or because the student must pay a much greater proportion of the actual cost of his education.

One's choice of a college ought not to be made primarily upon a financial basis. Although attendance at a tax-supported institution might be cheaper for the student, over against this he should consider the quality of the education he might get elsewhere such as in a church school, not only in terms of academic excellence, but from the standpoint of moral, spiritual, and social values.

There are ways of getting through schools that are expensive. These include scholarships, loans, fellowships, and part-time employment. All of these should be thoroughly investigated before choosing a school solely because its tuition is low or non-existent.

### Daily Bible Readings

- M. Sept. 6 Be Diligent in Study II Timothy 2:10-16  
T. Sept. 7 Strive for the Cardinal Virtues II Peter 1:1-12  
W. Sept. 8 Practice Brotherly Love Romans 14:19-23  
T. Sept. 9 Watch Your Speech I Thessalonians 4:1-6  
F. Sept. 10 Seek After Joy Psalm 16:7-11  
S. Sept. 11 Do Your Best Romans 12:1-13  
Sun. Sept. 12—Topic: Midnight Oil Proverbs 4:7

Comments by Park H. Netting, professor of Church History and Bible at Pacific Christian College, Long Beach, California

Topic 1 in a Unit: Serving in Our Christian Endeavor Society

# Why Have Committees?

Ephesians 4:11,12

## For the Leader

In choosing individuals who are to participate with you in the presentation of this program, be certain to pick those who are acquainted with the Christian Endeavor committees or those who will do some research into the committee for which they are responsible. Many people are ignorant of the function of this very important aspect of Christian Endeavor. Uninformed members may be a liability to your society, but informed members become a tremendous potential for a really successful activity.

Not only should you employ qualified personnel, but you should also make use of resource material in the presentation of this topic. The following resources are suggested: *Christian Endeavor Essentials*, \$1.25; *Better Meetings for Young People*, \$1.75; *Planning the Program of a Christian Endeavor Society*, 50c; *The Lookout (Membership) Committee in Action*, 60c; *The Social (Recreation) Committee in Action*, 40c; *Guide for ACTION 1965-66* (Senior High-Young People's edition) 25c.

The above materials may be ordered from the Publishing Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

The following articles which have appeared in past issues of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD are available at 15c each from THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

*Spotlighting: The Missionary Committee* (April, 1965); *Spotlighting: The Social Committee* (December, 1964); *Spotlighting: The Devotional Committee* (March, 1964); *Committee Responsibilities* (August, 1963); *Planning Conference* (June, 1964).

## Publicity Plans

The proper functioning of the committees within a society might be compared with the smooth running of an automobile. The devotional committee is to the society what fuel is to the car; the lookout committee is to the society

### Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service  
Prelude  
Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-3  
Hymns: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name; Rise up, O Men of God*  
Scripture Reading: Numbers 13: 1-3, 17-25  
Prayer Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*  
Prayer: Sentence prayers, closing with the leader leading the group in the Lord's Prayer  
Announcements  
Offering  
Special Music (Solo): *Living for Jesus*  
Leader's Introduction  
Talks on the Topic  
Closing Hymn: *In the Service of the King*  
Benediction

phasis, and so on, there is too much for one or two people to do and do it well. A second reason is to provide a job for everyone. A person who is busy with responsibilities will generally be a more loyal member than one who has nothing to do. He will feel that he is making a contribution to the society and that he is needed for the ongoing work of the group. One of the best ways to lose someone is to make him feel unneeded or unwanted. A responsibility in the society helps the individual know that he is needed and wanted.

## Talks on the Topic

**First Speaker: Devotional Committee**  
(From the outline given prepare your own talk, adding whatever you feel is needed in your particular society.)

- I. Objectives
  - A. Improve devotional meetings
  - B. Develop the private devotional life of the members
- II. Duties
  - A. Choose topics and themes
  - B. Appoint leaders—six months in advance of meeting date
  - C. Train leaders
  - D. Be prepared to take over the meeting if leader fails to appear
  - E. Conduct pre-prayer service

**Second Speaker: Lookout Committee**  
(From the outline given prepare your own talk, adding and emphasizing those special needs of your own society.)

- I. Objectives
  - A. Secure new members
  - B. Care for the faithfulness of the present membership
- II. Duties
  - A. Investigate prospective members
  - B. Recommend appropriate prospects to the society for active membership
  - C. Encourage associate membership on the part of those who do not feel they are ready for active membership

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D. Promote regular attendance of the active members

E. See every absentee from the consecration meeting who failed to send a message to be read at the roll call

F. Promote acquaintance with the pledge

**Third Speaker: Missionary Committee**  
(Prepare your talk from the outline given, adding and emphasizing whatever you feel your society needs.)

I. Objective

Promote missionary interests

II. Duties

A. Provide information concerning the various missionary endeavors of the local church or denomination

B. Inform the society of the history of missions and faith missionary work

C. Promote giving for missionary interests

D. Promote missionary reading

E. Conduct missionary study courses

F. Encourage prayer for missionary work

G. Serve as a connecting link between the individuals of the society and the missionaries on the field through correspondence with the missionaries

**Fourth Speaker: Social Committee**  
(Prepare your talk from the outline given, adding what you feel is necessary for your particular society.)

I. Objective

Promote fellowship in a Christian atmosphere

II. Duties

A. Welcome strangers to all of the society's socials, devotional meetings, and church services

B. Provide socials and other types of wholesome recreation in a Christian environment

C. Plan social events well so that the party doesn't drag and the participants don't get bored

D. Provide for a short devotional at the close of the socials

**Fifth Speaker: Church Activity Committee**

(Prepare your talk from the outline given, adding anything that would be pertinent to your own situation.)

I. Objective

Correlate the activities of the society with the program of the church

II. Duties

A. Provide help from the members

**Questions for Discussion**

1. What might we as a society do to make certain that new members understand the function of committees in Christian Endeavor?
2. Why is it that committees so often fail in fulfilling their objectives?
3. How might the communication between the society as a whole and the individual committees be improved?
4. When does a committee become obsolete?
5. If a committee fails to respond to the needs of the society or to fulfill its objective, what should the society do?

where it is needed in the church program

B. Conduct a talent survey

C. Promote attendance at all the services of the church

D. Visit the sick and shut-in members of the society and church

E. Aid with the secretarial, janitorial, and other duties of the pastor, officers, and employees of the church

**An Alternate Program**

If your society is particularly troubled with committees which seem to have failed to grasp their responsibilities, it might be well for you to do some real trouble-shooting. A possible way of doing this would be to divide up into buzz groups based upon the five basic committees. The member of a particular committee would go to the buzz group of that committee. The buzz groups would then seek to analyze the areas in which their committees have failed to fulfill their intended responsibilities. The outlines for *Talks on the Topic* might be employed here as a discussion starter. It would be well for each group to have a copy of *Christian Endeavor Essentials* so that those in the group could turn to the chapter dealing with their particular committee.

After sufficient time has been allowed for the buzz groups—20 to 30 minutes depending on the length of time for your meetings—the entire group should reassemble and each group report on its findings with suggestions as to how each committee might improve in fulfilling its particular purpose. There should also be time given for others in the other groups to offer suggestions for improvement as well as any constructive criticism which they might have. Every individual should aim for objectivity in an attempt to better the society. In the criticism there should not be malicious intents. If this becomes the reason for one's criticism, then he should remain silent.

**For the Executive Committee**

From the discussion concerning committees and their function in the program of the society, you may see a need for some type of educational program to acquaint all the members of the society with the separate committee responsibilities and purposes. If you have an educational committee, it should be instructed to ascertain the need for such a class. If your society lacks such a committee, then it naturally falls to the executive committee to assume these responsibilities. Your counselor or pastor might be a willing and capable teacher for such a class. Your society as a whole will be informed only as well as its individual members are informed. You cannot expect those who do not really understand your program to retain their interest in your program if they are forced to remain in the dark.

**Devotional Committee**

**Check List**

Examine your weekly Christian Endeavor meeting by answering "Yes" or "No" to the following questions.

1. Was the meeting and topic given advance publicity?
2. Was the leader given at least a three month's notice?
3. Was the leader given the topic material at least two weeks before the meeting?
4. Did the leader make advance assignments to others?
5. Did the meeting begin with a pre-prayer service?
6. Did the meeting begin on time?
7. Was the song service inspirational?
8. Did the meeting create an atmosphere of worship?
9. Was Scripture and prayer a vital part of the meeting?
10. Did the leader seem prepared?
11. Did each person participate?
12. Did the meeting lead to a fitting climax?
13. Was the next meeting (topic and leader) announced?
14. Did the meeting create a desire for visitors to come again?

(If you have less than 10 "yes" answers, you need to start working.)

**Daily Bible Readings**

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| M. Sept. 13 Moses Is Admonished to Appoint Helpers | Exodus 18:13-27   |
| T. Sept. 14 Aaron Is Appointed to a Special Task   | Exodus 28:1-14    |
| W. Sept. 15 Jesus Selects Helpers                  | Mark 3:13-19      |
| T. Sept. 16 Jesus Sends Out the Seventy            | Luke 10:1-24      |
| F. Sept. 17 The Church Selects Deacons             | Acts 6:1-7        |
| S. Sept. 18 Paul Delegates Work                    | Acts 20:17-35     |
| Sun. Sept. 19—Topic: Why Have Committees?          | Ephesians 4:11,12 |

Comments by Rev. Kent D. Maxwell, minister of the Crestview United Brethren in Christ Church, Lafayette, Indiana

Topic 2 in a Unit: Serving in Our Christian Endeavor Society



## Worker or Drone?

II Timothy 4:9-13



### For the Leader

The right individuals must be chosen for an effective presentation of this topic. Your meeting must not degrade into a "clip and read" session. Make certain that everyone who has a part in the program is familiar enough with his particular assignment that he will be able to stand up and speak without reading his part.

You may want to prepare additional talks which are more characteristic of your own society. If you do, take care that you do not deliberately point a finger at any particular individual. Remember, we are dealing with problems and the correct way for a committee to work and not with personalities.

Role-playing is a most effective way to get across an idea. For that reason it is suggested in the presentation of this topic. After you have had the "Am I One of These?" talks, then use the role-playing method to demonstrate the proper working of a committee. This topic will require a lot of preparation if it is to be effective, so begin early to prepare for this meeting.

### Leader's Introduction

In our Scripture lesson the Apostle Paul mentioned a man named Demas who had been his companion but who had evidently turned from him. Demas failed in his responsibility to Christ, for he failed Christ's servant Paul. Demas was more concerned about what the world could provide for him than what he could contribute to Christ and the Church. He wanted to be a drone rather than a worker.

With our election to an office or a committee, a responsibility has been placed upon our shoulders. In the fulfillment of this responsibility, we are not only meeting the need of our local society, but we are also serving the

### Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Prelude

Call to Worship: Isaiah 1:18

Invocation

Hymns: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; Are Ye Able, Said the Master; My Faith Looks up to Thee*

Scripture Reading: II Timothy 4: 9-13

Prayer: A few moments of silent prayer followed by one of the young people leading in audible prayer to close the prayer time

Announcements

Offering

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
Leader's Introduction

Talks: "Am I One of These?"

Leader's Talk

Role-Playing

Discussion

Closing Hymn: *Abide with Me*

Benediction

Lord Jesus. Are we like Demas because we have forsaken our Christian Endeavor society and pledge, and in forsaking them have forsaken Jesus Christ? As the next several individuals give their talks, let us each ask ourselves "Am I one of these?"

### "Am I One of These?"

(Place the name of the type of person you represent on a large piece of cardboard and hold it in front of you as you speak.)

MR. GO-IT-ALONE CHAIRMAN: Feeling as I do that no one wants to participate, I guess I shall just take care of my committee's responsibilities by myself. After all, it is too much trouble to call the committee together. Besides, if I do call them together I shall have to prepare an agenda for the meeting. I'll end up doing most of the work anyway, so there is no sense in asking how the others feel. I know what I want to do, and the others will just confuse the issue.

MR. HOPPY: It's hard for me to settle down and discuss one item at a time. Each item of business brings to my mind something else which is equally important, and for fear that I shall forget it before we get the other out of the way, I find it necessary to introduce it, right at the moment I think of it. I shall admit that sometimes it is a bit distracting, or so the others say. But of course they just don't understand me. They don't see the importance of all these things that come to my mind. Sometimes they get down right irritated with me, but if they were really Christians they would be more thoughtful of my feelings and show more love.

SILENT SAM: I really never have much to say at our committee meetings. I just don't seem to have good ideas like the others in the group. I have a very quiet personality, and feel it is better to remain silent on controversial issues. You can't make friends and influence people if you disagree with them, and if you say anything at all, you are bound to get an argument going. When it gets right down to it, it really makes little difference what we do. All I am concerned about is that we have a good active Christian Endeavor society, but I really have very little time to spare and I realize that if you say too much you will get another job handed to you. The others like to talk, so I'll just let them talk.

MISS ABSENT MINDED: I have so many more things to think about than the average person that I can't really be expected to remember when it is that our committee meets. On top of that I never can seem to remember to seek out the information which has been assigned to me. It is hard for me to recall what we did in our last meeting. Even the minutes don't help me much in this area. I have strings tied around

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all my fingers now to remind me of all the things I have to do for school, and I sometimes even get them confused. Life is like that I guess.

**MISS KILL-JOY:** It seems so hard for me to see the logic in the things that the others see. I hate to be against everything, but if the rest had their way all our time would be taken up in some type of church or society activity. The things that interest the rest of the group just don't appeal to me at all. I really can't think up any better ideas, but I still think I should speak my piece. It's my duty. It's a free country and every individual has a right to say what he wants to say.

## Leader's Talk

We have seen examples of those who make committee work difficult and sometimes impossible. These are the "drones" in the society. Now we shall see what makes up a good committee and how the good committee functions. We have chosen several individuals to participate in a role-playing scene to demonstrate the properly organized and functioning committee. They will show us how the true "workers" fulfill their obligation to the committee and society.

## Role-Playing

For this you may want to utilize one of your more efficient committees. If so, they should be told in advance so they can make some preparation for the meeting. They will want to have a short enough agenda so that the length of time they will need can be confined to the amount of time remaining for your program.

If your committees do not function well, you will want to choose several individuals before-hand to serve as a committee for this part of your meeting. It would be well if they could rehearse some time prior to the meeting date. It will be their responsibility to demonstrate how a committee should work with all the members taking part in the business at hand.

After the role-playing is concluded, the leader should lead the entire group in discussing what took place. The strong points of the committee's work should be brought out and emphasized. The weak points should also be mentioned with suggestions as to how to improve upon them. Everyone should enter into this discussion. A good leader will insure the participation of all.

## Priming the Pump

The following are suggestions which may help to make your committee meetings more fruitful. You may want to use them as starters for discussion or copy them and distribute them to all the members of your society.

1. Have a regular time and place for your committee meetings.
2. Prepare an agenda. In many instances it would be well to mail the agenda to the members a week or so in advance of the meeting.
3. Elect a secretary for the committee to take minutes of the committee's actions and to note the various committee activities and members present.
4. Appoint as chairmen of the committees those who are interested in the activity in which a particular committee is involved.
5. Adopt a recognized parliamentary procedure and rules of order. These will help to expedite business.
6. Try to meet at a time when your counselor can meet with you.
7. See that you begin and end on time. No one likes to "shoot" an entire night doing that which should be done in an hour.
8. Plan ahead.

## For the Committee

**LOOKOUT COMMITTEE:** With the beginning of school in September there comes a good opportunity for you to interest others in your society. Youth are ready to get active in organizations after a long summer of vacations and being separated from their friends. Capitalize on this attitude and evangelize. Reach out into your church and invite those who are not active in your society to attend. There are many others who attend no church at all. They are prospects for both your society and your church.

**DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:** October 3 is Worldwide Communion Sunday. You may want a special communion service for your society. If so, contact your pastor and make the necessary arrangements for such a meeting. There are few things which will bind a group closer together than this greatest of all worship experiences. Also, how long has it been since you have had a consecration meeting as a part of your program? The first Sunday in October would be an excellent opportunity for such a service.

**CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE:** The fall months are busy times around any church. Contact your pastor or other church leaders and see if there is anything your society might do to lighten the burden of those who are carrying the load. You may be able to get your group active in a special church-wide visitation or evangelistic emphasis. Not only would it help the church as a whole, but it would also make your society feel more a part of the church.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** A good opportunity for a social is coming up at the end of next month. Do you have your Halloween party planned? Undoubtedly you will be having new people come into your society at this time of the year. Give them an informal setting in which to get acquainted with the rest of the group. Find out what talent is available among your members and make use of it at the social. You might be able to combine a talent show with your ghosts and witches.

**MISSIONARY COMMITTEE:** Write to some of your denomination's missionaries and ask them to describe their work for you. Then take that information back to your group. Prepare posters or scrapbooks of your missionary program so that you can better inform the other members of your organization. If you know of some missionaries on furlough, you might plan a weekend retreat and have them as guest speakers.

## Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 20	God Speaks to a Working Man	Exodus 3:1-10
T. Sept. 21	God Anoints a Working Man	I Kings 19:19-21
W. Sept. 22	Jesus Calls Working Men	Mark 1:14-20
T. Sept. 23	Bringing in the Sheaves	Psalm 126:1-6
F. Sept. 24	Rest for the Heavy Laden	Matthew 11:28-30
S. Sept. 25	Jesus Demands Good Works	Matthew 25:34-40
Sun. Sept. 26—Topic: Worker or Drone?		II Timothy 4:9-13

Comments by Rev. Kent D. Maxwell, minister of the Crestview United Brethren in Christ Church, Lafayette, Indiana

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# Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

## Topic Summaries for September

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Timothy J. Kribs, chairman; Rev. R. P. Carter, Wanna Sell, and Mrs. Roger D. Vander Kolk.

### Church and State (two topics)

#### 1. Enemies of Religious Liberty?

*Hosea 4:1-9; Romans 13:1-8*

The first amendment to the American Constitution includes these words: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . ." Discuss the implications of this statement in the light of contemporary opinions and judicial rulings. Is exemption from taxation on property used by religious groups right? Should clergymen receive special privileges in taxation and exemption from military service? Should public funds be dispensed directly or indirectly to parochial schools (including institutions of higher education)? Five minute talks might be assigned on the above questions showing both sides.

#### 2. Your Responsibility

*Mark 12:13-17*

As an adult Christian you have great responsibilities to your community and nation. By practicing good Christian citizenship you can help to make and mold the community and national life. A greater responsibility is being placed upon the church and home to provide Christian education that cannot be gotten in other areas of life. List ways in which these responsibilities can be fulfilled. How can the Christian witness be brought to bear on the life of the community and nation? Should a Christian ever seek a political office? Distribute

copies of the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?*

### Movements toward Unity

(two topics)

#### 1. What Is Unity?

*John 17:11-21; Acts 2:41-47; Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-13*

Engage the group in studying the Bible passages to inquire into what the unity of the Church is really supposed to be. Consider in the study these two propositions: (a) The unity of the Church is not basically something that Christians hope to achieve—it is something which Christ has already given us—we are one in Him; it is now up to us to find ways of making this a reality in our lives as Christians. (b) Unity is not something that Christians can set up as a goal; our job is not to reunite the Church, our job is rather to go into all the world as witnesses, servants, disciples.

#### 2. Unity Today

*Philippians 1:26-30; I John 4:1-13*

In recent years Christianity has shown signs of seeking greater unity. Through the years, unity has been a "grass-roots" reality in the Christian Endeavor movement. In advance of the meeting, select members to report on communions and denominations that have united and the growth of church councils and associations of evangelical churches. Discuss ways in which a spirit of unity and cooperation can be brought about in the community. What are some of the barriers to mutual understanding and fellowship among Christians in the community? How can these barriers be removed? In what particular ways can Christian unity become a greater reality in the community now?

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

## McQuilkin Re-elected

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Mr. McQuilkin lives with his wife Helen at Strafford (near Wayne), Pennsylvania. He retired in June 1964 from The Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company in Philadelphia. In his more than fifty years of service with the company he advanced from office boy to assistant comptroller.

He is the seventh president of the International Society and the second layman to be so honored in the period of over 80 years since the movement's founding in 1881 (the first president, W. J. Van Patten, was a layman).

Mr. McQuilkin is on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Union and has been president of Old York Road Branch and the Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Unions. He is active in St. John's Presbyterian Church in Devon, where he is an elder. In 1961 he was a member of the Executive Committee for Billy Graham's Philadelphia Crusade.

Mr. McQuilkin met his wife through Christian Endeavor. They have two married children and seven grandchildren.

In his work as president of the International Society Mr. McQuilkin has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. In his annual report to the Corporation at Dallas he said, "We have endeavored never to lose sight of the purpose of our beloved movement—to win young people to the Lord Jesus Christ and train them for service for Christ and the Church."

## Hawaiian Leader Honored

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Honolulu, for two degrees which he received in 1962—Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Theology. But he didn't stop here. He continued studies and in 1964 received two additional degrees—Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Religious Education.

Dr. Saffery with his wife Mulan has participated in a number of International Conventions and fellowship tours. He is a past president of the Hawaiian Christian Endeavor Association and served for many years as Lookout Superintendent. He and his wife have 11 children.

A Christian Endeavor Rally with Dr. Saffery as speaker was held June 5 at Union Chapel United Brethren Church in Fort Wayne.

## August Activities (Continued from Page 2)

### 21-26—New Jersey Conference, Madison

### 29-September 2—New Jersey Junior High Conference, "Four Brooks" Camp

Contact: Robert Berger, Evesham Road, R.F.D., Haddonfield 08033

### 22-28—Ohio Summer Conference, Hidden Hollow Camp

Contact: Norman E. Brown, 1722 Drenik Drive, Wickliffe 44092

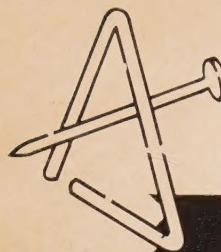
### 27-September 3—Ontario Summer Conference, Chesley Lake Camp

Contact: Florence Zimmerman, 231 High Street, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

### 27-29—Illinois Officers Retreat, Lewistown

Contact: Veva C. Steen, 2104 East Adams, Springfield 62703

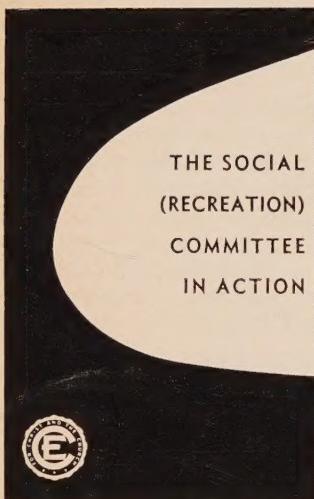
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